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The twenty-fifth annual convention of the B. Y. P. U. A. will be held in Detroit, July 5-7.

The Standard, of Chicago, seems, in an editorial entitled "A Person—Not a Book," to disparage too great respect for the Bible and insist on keeping our eyes on Jesus. It says the center of Christianity is a person, not a book. The Old and New Testaments we rightly consider of divine origin. But we do not worship the Bible. All of which may be true, but will the able editor tell us where we are to find Jesus, or get any knowledge of Him that is accurate, satisfying and authoritative, if it is not in the Bible. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

The Watchman-Examiner says of the Billy Sunday campaign in Boston: "It is an open secret that while the offices and committee assignments connected with the campaign were distributed proportionately and impartially among the co-operating denominations, the Baptists have been the 'wheel horse' in the team, furnishing the largest number of workers and entering into the campaign with an earnestness and enthusiasm not equalled by any other body. While this has been recognized, probably few were prepared for such a preponderance of results in our favor as the following figures show: - Baptist, 11,845; Methodist, 7,104; Congregationalist, 6,195; Episcopalian, 3,275; Presbyterian, 2,232; Catholic, 1,513; Lutheran, 892; Unitarian, 296; Christian Science, 239; Hebrews, 177; Evangelical, 128; Universalist, 128; Christian, 118; Friends, 70; miscellaneous, 931; undesignated, in which no church was mentioned, 2,887."

In the Old Testament and also in the New, war is represented as the visitation of the wrath of God, and in later times still, Attila the Hun was recognized as and called "the scourge of God" as his wild hordes swept over Europe like a prairie fire. In the time of his last visit to Jerusalem Jesus wept over Jerusalem as he told of the terrible invasion of the Romans and their destruction of the temple and murder of the people. But He said it was the visitation of the wrath of God for the rejection of the prophets and of the Son of God. He said all the blood that was shed from righteous Abel to that of Zachariah, the son of Barachiah, who had been recently killed, should be required of that generation. When the iniquity of the people is full, God will no longer forbear. One does not have to pose as a prophet to believe that the terrible sufferings in Europe which accompany war, are the outbreaking of the wrath of God. And then Paul's question comes to us, "What then? Are we better than they?" And then his answer, "No, in no wise; for we before laid to the charge of both that they are all under sin." It is a time for confession and calling upon God. The sins of money-loving and pleasure-loving have led us away from God. We have not remembered the warning of Moses to Israel as they were preparing to enter Canaan, "And it shall be when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land, \* \* \* and houses full of all good things \* \* \* when thou shalt have eaten and be full, then beware lest thou forget the Lord. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God and serve Him." (Deut. 6:10ff.) Why may not the goodness of God lead us to repentance?

There will inevitably be many questions asked about the budget and some difficulties met in trying to put it into effect. The chief difficulty is the natural inertia of the human race, even the redeemed human being, which rebels at undertaking anything which requires exertion. There is also a natural prejudice against anything new, however excellent it may be. This is seen in the common aversion to using the American Revised Bible, which is incomparably better than the old version. But the King James version had the same or greater difficulties three hundred years ago. It would never have been used in all probability if the "clergy" had not been compelled to do it, for it was a "revised" version, too. Well, the budget is having its troubles, too, with people who eye suspiciously anything new. But there is a large part of the people who wonder what that word means, anyhow. And most of us shrink from letting others know how much we don't know. The word was probably borrowed from the state and national lawmakers. They find out the probable items of expense in different departments, put them all together and make appropriations to cover the entire amount. In our churches we learn what the requirements of the different institutions and departments of the work and put them all together, and proceed to raise the entire amount to be divided among them all according to the agreed proportion, according to their needs as they have been represented. This was done by the convention through a committee which worked at the problem assiduously and considered the needs of every phase of the work. It is the hope and expectation that the churches will approve this ratio and set themselves to the task of raising their share of it. Many are already doing so and others will. To be sure, if any church wishes, it can divide its gifts in any other ratio, but we have heard no complaint of that made by the convention. Or any individual member may make his own division of funds which he gives, but generally they will all wish to co-operate in a given plan. The budget means something from everybody to every object, all objects getting a square deal.

One difficulty which the budget will encounter, has already encountered, is its inability to relieve immediately the inequalities now in existence and produced by the lack of a budget in the past. This is a real difficulty and each church must work it out for itself, always looking forward to the time when these inequalities will disappear. For instance, in some churches subscriptions have already been made for some special benevolence, as education or hospitals. Shall these be counted as a part of the budget and the amount given to those objects by the church be reduced by just that much? Each church will work it out in the way it thinks best. But as a rule, it will be better for the budget to be made out independently of these special subscriptions, for these reasons: These special gifts are exceptional and will not greatly affect the totals; they will in most cases not go through the church treasury and so will not be known; they were made to cover past needs and obligations and not those to be met by this year's budget; they will help to equalize the contributions, for these objects have been generally neglected and will in many churches not get on the budget for this year, the churches only gradually adopting the budget. Neither

ought the budget to be interfered with by the special offerings now sought for education and the hospitals, for these are emergency measures made necessary by the failure to give these institutions their proper share of attention in the past. They will affect only a small proportion of our church membership. Emergencies may arise hereafter which will need to be met by special offerings. Certainly we have one on us now. We are able to provide for it and to keep the budget intact also. If you run an automobile, you will need to learn to work your hands and your feet, too, and sometimes you will have to work them all at once.

In the beginning of the present war in Europe, it was common to hear prayers for peace, and that we might in this country be preserved from the horrors of war. As time passed we became accustomed to war reports and conditions. Perhaps our hearts were hardened. Largely our people also ceased to pray that we might be saved from war, accepting peace as a matter of course. We seem even to have ceased being grateful for peace; at least ceased expressing gratitude. There seems to have been little reference to these things in our public prayers. Is it for this that we are now brought face to face with the most serious situation in our country since the war began? One who had ruled long and well God's people in the old time said, "God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you." Have we, the people, sinned in this matter in ceasing to pray for the President of the United States and his advisors in this time of national peril? God still rules in the heavens and among the armies of men. He holds the hearts of kings in His hands and will turn them according to His own will. The breaking off of diplomatic relations, which seemed inevitable under the circumstances, makes the preservation of peace and settlement of differences more difficult; but God is able to preserve us still. The President does not desire war, nor does any man who loves God and righteousness. But it may be forced upon us, and every preparation possible is being made for that eventuality. In the meantime it ought to be the prayer in private and in public of all God's people that we may be spared the horrors of war, the loosing of all the baser passions of hate and lawlessness, the destruction of life and property and paralysis of business and the injury of all work in the kingdom of God.

Dr. R. W. Weaver says: "A Baptist who is lacking in intelligence is an incomplete Baptist; a Baptist who does not desire for himself and his children the best possible education is a herodox Baptist; and a Baptist who is not willing to make sacrifices to secure for himself and for those dependent upon him this education is a heretical Baptist and ought to be reproved, if not disciplined by his church." It is the province of the Education Commission to help in correcting conditions which gender ignorance or prevent the best education. One of the worst results of ignorance is a prejudice against its removal.

The 6,000 Baptists in New Zealand are said to have given last year \$20,000 to foreign missions—more than half the amount that 160,000 Baptists in Mississippi gave to the same object. As our beloved brother Paul would say, "We do you to wit of the grace of God in the churches of New Zealand."

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## OUR BURDEN BEARERS.

In a recent article from the pen of Dr. J. B. Gambrell on the subject of "Business and Religion," we find this timely and striking statement:

"Many of our people do not sufficiently appreciate the nobility of a group of Baptist laymen who are willing to personally endorse for large sums of money to carry on the denominational work." Please read those words at least twice. Dr. Gambrell was discussing the necessity of borrowing money with which to finance denominational interests and also the necessity, under the new banking laws, of somebody becoming personally responsible for this money. He was writing about matters in Texas, but similar conditions exist in Mississippi. Our boards of trustees, as well as our Convention Board, have to borrow money to carry on the works committed to them by the convention, and somebody must become personally responsible for that money.

We hear much about debt in connection with Baptist enterprises in our State. Let me say that this is not the result of mismanagement. No board of trustees has gone further in the work committed to them than the instructions given by those who appointed them to the work. Upon the instructions of the Baptists of the State, they have launched campaigns, and upon the promises of the people to pay, they have borrowed money with which to carry out the instructions given.

Why does the work now limp and our appointees groan under the heavy burdens assumed? Because the brethren and sisters of the State have not realized what it means to subscribe to the different objects and then fail to pay. I could name quite a number of men who are embarrassed today, men who go with bowed heads and puzzled brains because of heavy financial burdens assumed upon the instructions of the denomination. Some have been forced to pay out hundreds of dollars to keep out of the courts and to keep the Baptist institutions out of court. These are plain words. Some may feel that they should not be said. But I believe they ought to be said. If our pastors and laymen do not come to appreciate the position in which our burden bearers, the trustees, are placed, and be more prompt in meeting the promises made to them, as well as giving them more hearty co-operation, the time will come when our brethren will shrink from positions of this nature and all our work will suffer greatly.

The campaign is now on for Christian education. If seventy-five per cent, due and past due, subscriptions to this cause were paid, I am confident the Education Commission could call this campaign off at once. Some of these subscriptions cannot be paid, but doubtless the greater portion of it could be paid with the right kind of sacrifice.

Think of our burden bearers and remember that they need relief and need it now. Your portion may be small, but it is important. Lift!

With full confidence in the integrity of our people, I am, Yours in the work,  
BRYAN SIMMONS.

## WHAT IS A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH?

In Matt. 16:18 Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In this Scripture there are two ideas worthy of note: First, that the church is of divine origin, as it was built by Jesus Christ; second, it will exist in every age of the world. The proof of this is the fact that Jesus said that the gates of hell should not prevail against it. In the first place, let us define a church from a New Testament standpoint. The word church in English, as translated from the Greek, *ekklesia*, means an assembly, or called out. According to the commonly accepted meaning of the term church, wherever there is an assembly, regardless of the cause of the assembly, it is a church. Therefore, when Jesus said, "I will build my church," He makes a distinction between His church and others. Therefore, he must have meant an assembly of Baptist believers who have covenanted together to keep house for him and to be governed by His laws. Soon after the ascension of Christ, we find the disciples in an assembly, voting for Matthias (Acts 1:26). Where did they get the idea of voting in the church, if not from Jesus, when He constituted His church? As proof of this fact, just prior to His ascension, Jesus gave the Great Commission to the church, and said, "Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded" (Matt. 28:19-20). This makes it very clear that Jesus had given the church commands with reference to its government. Though some Baptist preachers in our midst are advocating the idea that Jesus did not organize His church, I am sure that He did and that it did not spring up into existence like a mushroom. Jesus has given His commission and His commands to His church; He has given it ordinances, such as baptism, and His supper, to be observed; He has given it laws by which to be governed and authority to receive members; He has given authority to withdraw fellowship, and to ordain preachers (Acts 13:2). May we not safely say, then, that Jesus has constituted His church according to the foregoing definition of a church?

Jesus alluded to the constitution of such a church when He said, "I will build it," and to the same thing also when He said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," conveying the thought that His church should never become so corrupt that it would cease to be His church, or in other words, that there would never be an age when His church would not exist. Many a church claiming to be a church of Christ today is found, upon investigation, to fall short of the Scriptural definition, and even if it should come up to the Scriptural pattern, it would be too young to be the church of which Jesus spoke, and said, "I will build it," for His church was built nearly two thousand years ago.

B. A. BRECKENRIDGE.

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, that we, the pastors and visitors in attendance upon the annual Bible school held in the city of Hattiesburg for the year 1917, tender to the Baptist churches, their pastors, and citizens, our sincere thanks for the manner in which they entertained us during our stay among them. Also a special vote of thanks is tendered to Brother Moore for his excellent business management of the sessions. We believe that the influence of this session will be far-reaching.

We feel under lasting obligations to the efforts of the faculty, tendered gratis, to help us be better and more efficient servants of the Master, who said, "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Resolved, further, that a special vote of thanks is due the good ladies who so bountifully and graciously served us while in their midst.

Resolved, further, that a copy of these resolutions be supplied to the Hattiesburg papers and The Baptist Record for publication.

J. G. GILMORE.

## "LIGHT SHINING IN DARKNESS."

Because I love Christ and desire to suffer with and for Him, I came to this great city of sin and spiritual darkness directed, I believe, by the Holy Spirit. All my life I have suffered and sacrificed. While in college at Jackson, Tenn., I had a hard time. I had to suffer to get an education. In my pastorate the work has been difficult, but I have not suffered enough. The Lord knows what I need and what it requires to keep me, and He has mapped out a trying program for me to follow, in this work I am now engaged. To this stupendous task I have set my hand and heart. If it be God's will I shall spend the rest of my days on this field, trying to build it up and develop it. Under God, I hope to see a \$50,000 building go up on the beautiful lot at the corner of Jeff Davis parkway and Cleveland avenue. We have the annex already, and it is adequate to our present needs. We also have room for a pastor's home on this same lot. We are in the center of a population of 100,000 souls. Baptists are the only evangelicals who are laying out a work proportionate to the needs of this territory. This is a growing section, and great numbers of Baptists are moving in. Many Catholics are open to the gospel and some of our best members were once adherents to that organization. Many are ready to accept the truth. They are losing confidence in the priesthood and are looking for the true light. The work is essentially slow and it requires great patience to wait in the midst of so much sin and error and see the hand of the Lord. This is a Latin population with ideas of government and religion altogether different from ours. They are a sporting, pleasure-loving people and they run the commerce and the politics of the city. It is easy for people moving in here from smaller towns and the country to fall into the ways of this city. They receive every encouragement to do so. If they do not join the church as soon as they come, we



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lose them. The Baptists of New Orleans are waking up to their opportunities as well as responsibilities. The Southern Baptist Convention meets here in May. Let all Baptists come and study the situation for yourself. Give us liberal support and by God's help we will make good. We are not beggars. We are workers. We are the weak asking the assistance of the strong. The outlook for the Baptist cause in New Orleans is brighter than ever before. Come down and be with us. Being chairman of the assignment committee, I will give you a good hotel or home.

W. A. JORDAN.

### MANNISH, BUT NOT MANLY.

Now to the boys: You will be men soon enough, and if you crave to be men, do the manly thing, but not the mannish. What is a mannish boy? A man was riding along the public highway one day on horseback. He overtook a boy of about twelve years of age, who was not very particular how he was dressed, one pantaloone rolled half way up, but the other down straight; one side of his suspenders was loosely supporting his pantaloons, the other dangling down. A pretty independent chap. Supposedly he felt mannish, and not very respectful, nor caring much for anybody. The man slowed up, and asked him, perhaps somewhat kindly, "My young man, do you drink whiskey?" "No, sir, but I chaws tobacco and cusses."

That boy showed vitality, but needed a word or two of advice. He had started wrong in life.

I will end by special reference to the serious effects of smoking in boys and young men, citing cases from two reliable authorities whom I believe are well calculated to judge correctly in reference to the subject. But before doing this I will note here some experience and some reflections upon the subject. Not a week ago one of the clever young men of our town, apparently in every other way living consistently, requested me to prescribe a remedy for cigarette smoking, stating the habit was keeping him thin, gave him a cough when he smoked much. While talking with him another acquaintance passing and overhearing our conversation, remarked, "They're killing me, and I have not sense enough to stop it." The injurious influence of tobacco in excess even in grown persons, sometimes creating a "tobacco heart," is quite hard to relieve as the majority of men wedded to their habit are very loath to forego their enjoyment of tobacco, even if their health were compromised somewhat. The strongest lever I think that can be used to uproot this habit in men is for the sake of their children, and the coming generation, which is becoming an appalling factor in inducing a degeneracy or handicapping their success in both physical and mental development, and probably morally.

### Effect on Study.

Perhaps pupils at their school work, who have unfortunately begun smoking cigarettes, have not known why they do not study well or keep up with girls. Now I don't say, for I don't know, that there was a single pupil at the late high school commencement who had been addicted to smok-

ing, but I observed there were about twenty young ladies receiving diplomas, with two young men only. Now, understand me and forgive me if I am wrong, when I ask the question, which I do now ask about a package of cigarettes. Now for my reading two reports quoted from McSherry's Health about the use of smoking tobacco, both in boys and others, and as follows. (Published in 1881.)

### Testimony from Army.

"Medical Department U. S. Naval Academy. "The impropriety of this practice has been represented by the various medical officers successively attached to this academy. As early as March 22, 1861, Dr. Palmer wrote to the superintendent with respect to a case of 'nausea and nervous derangement, rendering him (an acting midshipman) unfit for study or recreation, of which the cause was the confessed use of tobacco.' It is not my design, though it might be my duty, to make this a report of infraction of discipline, but only to offer an authentic example of a practice prevalent to an alarming extent in the academy. If one of the most mature and robust of our young men is obliged to confess himself unable to pursue his studies in consequence of the use of tobacco, how much more actively must the same poison operate upon many who are mere boys, adopting this deleterious habit from the example of their seniors. There is good reason to believe that a large number of vague complaints for which midshipmen report to the surgeon must be attributed solely to the use of tobacco. I know of no other mode of accounting for the malaise, want of sleep, dizziness, headache, nausea, etc., of which I receive representations; and finally, it is my deliberate opinion that the unsatisfactory recitations and consequent failures at final examinations, so injurious to the interests of this establishment, are to be attributed in great measure, to nervous derangement caused by the common use of tobacco by the students. It becomes my duty to recommend some stringent measure to correct this practice."

### Enemy to Eyesight.

The other report is from the Oculist. McSherry quotes: "Professor Chisolm recently made a report to the Baltimore Academy of Medicine on 'The Poisonous Effects of Tobacco on the Eyesight,' in which he stated that in the past few years he had treated thirty-five cases of blindness, directly traceable to the use of tobacco by smoking, in every case but one. \* \* \* The assumption is converted into certainty by the fact that appropriate remedies fail entirely while the habit of smoking is continued; whereas, when it is abandoned, cures may usually be effected rapidly."

In reference to the tobacco habit and to make it still more up to date and authentic, I have quoted from one of my volumes of the German Clinic (1911 issue); American editor being Richard C. Cabot, M. D., of Harvard University. (I have interpreted the terms for the better understanding of the laity, and as follows):

"More important than acute \* \* \* is chronic nicotine poisoning, which presents itself to the physician in a different aspect.

Rapid and irregular heart action and heart weakness are the principal and common symptoms. \* \* \* How far severe anatomical changes of the heart are related to chronic tobacco poisoning I shall not attempt to decide; the possibility of such an occurrence cannot be disputed. Other and very important symptoms are disturbances on the part of the eyes; dimness of vision, blindness, contracted pupil and spasm of accommodation. Weakness of memory and melancholic conditions are also among the signs of chronic nicotine poisoning."

Now to the young people of this generation I dedicate this service for your enlightenment, hoping you may accept and adopt it as your sentiment and course in life, both by your healthy precept and example for the future.—E. W. Robertson, M. D., in Religious Herald.

The Ladies' Home Journal gives the record of the West Presbyterian church of St. Louis: "In the more than twenty-five years' history of this church we have never given an entertainment or a supper for money, nor have we ever permitted such a thing as a fair or a bazaar. This church believes in the consecration of money as an act of worship just as much as it believes in any other service for the Lord." This is good, and we doubt not there are many Baptist churches in Mississippi which can duplicate it. The trouble with too many of our churches is that they neither raise the money by suppers nor give it from their pockets.

### A WORD FROM LULA.

We are today sending in our first quarterly report, hoping it will be well pleasing to our secretary. We are not idle, but are ever trying to do something to help carry on this great work. We have just finished "In Royal Service" and expect to take another mission study so soon as the weather is more favorable. We now have eighteen members and with the exception of four all live from one-half to three miles out of town. Despite this, we have only missed one meeting on the regular time. Our contributions are all freewill offerings. No suppers, bazaars, nor is anyone asked to give any special sum. We very seldom fail to collect at each meeting less than ten dollars or fifteen dollars and it often reaches the twenty-five-dollar mark. Sisters, let me urge of you to attend your association, take The Record and other papers relative to this work. You cannot be interested in that you do not know. I enjoy the W. M. U. page in The Record more than anything therein. Hope Miss Lackey will visit us some time this year.

Yours in the work,  
MRS. J. J. DILLARD.

Lula, Miss.

New Orleans was given a "dry" Sunday, February 4th. It is said that the order went forth to arrest all saloon-keepers who were found doing business on Sunday, and that it was carried out. If this can be done in Chicago and New Orleans, it can be done anywhere. And if it can be done on Sunday, it can be done on any other day of the week.



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## EDITORIAL.

### MAKING FRIENDS.

This is one of the happiest and most useful faculties or habits that one ever possesses or acquires. Next to his own moral character it is his chief asset in business. And by business, we do not mean here the ability to buy and sell, but the power to do things, to bring things to pass, to carry a point, to accomplish a purpose. If it is permissible to bring in the overworked word "efficiency," this is a very good place for it. If efficiency means the ability to do things, then the making of friends puts one in the A-1 class of efficient men. There are certain lines of endeavor in which this is particularly evident, but there is no line in which the truth does not hold good. It is commonly supposed that this is the politician's chief capital. But the successful politician has not in most cases made himself friendly that he may win, but he has won because he has the disposition to make friends. Some of us who decry what we term the art of the politician would be far more successful in life if we had his gift of making friends. The roll call of men who have held office in Mississippi for long periods and have left their impress on their state or community, will show men who were able to grip others to them with friendship hooks of steel. We sometimes call them big-hearted men, and such they generally were, or are. There are men and even families in Mississippi whose grip of hand or whose smile or kind word is contagious and irresistible. You are won by them and to them in spite of your prejudices before seeing them. There are men, the mention of whose names stirs loyalty and friendship to its depths and calls others to their support and aid in whatever they should undertake. They may be men of serious faults and even vices, but they know how to make friends and so they generally have their way; they get their whole constituency in a swing. People follow them willingly, gladly; and not a few would spend and be spent for them; some would in an emergency not stop short of dying for them. Fighting for them is certainly not unknown. It is not so much the merit of the cause or the justness of the scheme that appeals to

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men in many cases, as it is the man who is leading. This is capable of abuse, but it is also capable of being put to the highest use. Often the preacher would like for the people to forget the messenger and remember the message; but they won't do it. If his manner is repellent, his message is lost or rejected. If the people like him, a poor message will do more good than a splendid sermon from somebody they don't like or don't care for. They will be still inquiring, as they did of John the Baptist, "Who art thou?" And if they are wickedly disposed, like those who heard the sons of Sceva, they may even say, "Jesus, I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" And not content with this impudent question, you will remember they jumped on them and cleaned them up.

It may surprise some to be told that to make friends is a command of God and so a religious duty. Jesus used the parable of the shrewd and dishonest steward to enforce the command which follows it, "And I say unto you, make unto yourselves friends" (Lk. 16:9). If Jesus used the example of a dishonest employe to teach his disciples this needed lesson, surely we may pick up a few points from the habits of a wily politician or the man who knows the commercial value of a kind word or a smile. The ability to make friends reveals a fine moral quality as well as a commercial or political asset. One must be unselfish, genuinely interested in others, devoted to their welfare, if he would permanently retain the friendship of others. The Bible has some instructive and helpful things to say on this matter of friendship that are well worth studying. He that would have friends must show himself friendly. He must do a friend's part—must be a friend. Friendship is the willingness to share everything. Jesus says, "I have called you friends because all that the Father showed me have I made known to you. He gave his own life. Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends. And then friendship is mutual. "Ye are my friends, if ye do what I command you." He does not condition His friendship for us on our obedience, but he says our friendship for him will be evidenced by our loving compliance with His expressed wish. There is no sweeter thought in the Old Testament than that embodied in the statement that "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness and he was called God's friend." What God wants and man needs is friendship.

### HOW TO DO IT.

When Jesus was talking about acquiring an interest in people He specifically explained to them how it was to be done. He not only laid stress on the value of friendship, but told them what means were to be employed to increase their circle of friends, their property in people. His words are, "Make unto yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness." This is one of the particulars in which the Lord turned the thinking and the method of the world squarely around. Property has more often been the bone of contention between people, the apple of discord, the means of separation of friends

and even families. Jesus had just had an example of this for while He was preaching a young man had broken in with the request that He make his brother divide the inheritance with him. Jesus shows how this very thing that brings alienations and enmities may be used for the very opposite, namely, to make friends. This He does by means of the parable of the man who, finding himself about to lose his position as steward, prepares himself for it by using what he has to bring people under obligation to him; that they may take him in when he is put out. His wisdom and foresight are what is commended.

Jesus saw clearly what most of us find difficulty in seeing, that property is a temporary trust. It cannot and will not be held by any of us perpetually. It is only a question of a short time when it will pass from our control. While we have it, it is not our own. It is simply held in trust. What would the owner have us to do with it while it remains in our charge? The answer is found in the words of Jesus, "Make unto yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when it fails, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles."

This is Jesus' answer to what to do with your money: use it to acquire an interest in people. There are no values outside of this. If a man had all the gold in the world locked in his vaults and were shut out from other people, it would have absolutely no value. But he may use this for the welfare of others and bring him into the largest fellowship, the possession of their love and gratitude and the consciousness that he and his have been used for bringing others out into the light of a larger life. Here is a great body of young people whose mental quickening and development waits upon the opportunity and stimulus of a Christian education, and you may help to furnish this opportunity by a timely gift. You do not need even to search him or her out from the baggage of earthly life and a place without ambition. Others are doing that, and young men and women are knocking at the doors of our schools and colleges and asking for such training as will fit them for the highest Christian usefulness. God puts into your hands the means for supplying and satisfying this awakened ambition; and He puts before your eyes and into your ears the call for helping them. Shall we put what we have into mind and heart and spirit, or shall we heap up dust for the idolatrous adoration of our souls?

Here is a hospital where the suffering of men and women and children is relieved in the name of our Lord, and His name is honored and revered by those who are helped in His name. If I may use what God has entrusted to me to bring me into larger fellowship with those who suffer, and sympathy with their need, have I not been enriched by bringing them again to health and restoring them to their friends and home? Have I not acquired an interest in them and a share in their joy?

And here is this house full of orphan children; and there lies the wide world in darkness and sin. Men and women are working



to relieve them and bring them into the fellowship of the Father and His Son through the gospel. Messengers of light, evangelists of love and faith are proclaiming to them the glad tidings of salvation. You may not be able to go, but you may use what you have to make friends by the mammon of unrighteousness. The opportunity is yours and they become yours in the gospel.

#### FRIENDS THAT LAST.

Jesus said of the friends that are made by the right use of money that they are the kind that endure. "They may receive you into the eternal tabernacles." One of the difficulties encountered in the formation of friendships is that they are so often broken off. This may be due to the accidents of time, or it may be due to the character of the friends themselves. Men have been known to be almost inseparable in their friendly association for a time, even for a long time, but afterward become estranged and embittered so that they avoid each other and when they meet refuse to speak. Almost anybody can recall some instances of this kind. What is the cause of it all? If investigation were made, it would probably be shown that the friendships were formed on a basis of merely selfish or superficial interests. If it is due to a common interest in Hereford cows or Poland-China hogs, or on the accident of location, it may be easily broken off. These things do not belong to our permanent interests and do not go deep enough to stand the test of time or conflicting interests.

Surprise might naturally be expressed that permanent friendship should be procured by money. Not by money; but by the right use of money. No mercenary friends are these. They are not bound to one another by hope of favors to come, but by such help unsolicited as one through love takes unmixed pleasure in giving. There is only one permanent institution in the world and that is the kingdom of God. The only thing against which the gates of hades shall not prevail is the church of Christ. Governments rise and fall, for God has "determined their appointed seasons and the bounds of their habitation." Families are constantly disintegrating and whole races have perished. Business institutions come and go like the driftwood on the surf. The most permanent of them all are in peril of disappearance. There is no law that can absolutely guarantee our interests in them. The only investment that is absolutely secure is what is put into the kingdom of God. The only place where what you do is "steadfast, immovable," is in the Lord, for "your labor is not in vain in the Lord." The only thing immortal on earth is man. You can only do a permanent work, one that will survive the wreck of time by investing in immortal man, the imperishable mind and soul of men. The work we do on them will abide when the heavens and the earth shall be dissolved with fervent heat. What we contribute to their redemption and development, their enlightenment and upbuilding will be found unto praise and honor at the coming of the Lord.

We are going to live with those people forever. They and we are going to occupy places close together in heaven through all eternity. It will be a rebuke to us if we did nothing to bring them there or fit them for residence there and the full appreciation of all its bliss and glorious opportunities. But the thing that shall make heaven for us is the knowledge that we have made it possible for some others who have reached it or have helped to enrich them in its possession. They shall receive us into the eternal tabernacles. It is this that Jesus would teach us that the use of what He for the time being entrusts to our care, in fitting others to fill their places in the kingdom, this will make friends for us who will receive us with mutual joy in the everlasting habitation.

#### PROHIBITION IN MISSISSIPPI.

This question, regardless of the attitude one may assume toward it, cannot be ignored by the thoughtful and progressive. The drink problem is eliciting as never before the serious attention and study of leaders in all spheres of life. That economics, business, society, government, education, are all perceptibly affected by the tippling habit, no intelligent person will deny.

In many long, hard-fought battles, religion single-handed engaged the common foe; later, the moral forces aligned themselves with the religious; and now economics in its broadest sense has joined hands with religion and morals. These three forces, as their co-operation is becoming closer and more compact with every passing week, are destined to accomplish the overthrow of former views and customs in regard to liquor selling and drinking.

From territorial days, the legislature of Mississippi has bestowed careful thought upon the liquor question, very few sessions ever having passed without the enactment of laws designed to regulate and restrict the operations of this outlaw. But finally discouraged in efforts to regulate a heartless, lawless monster, it was decided in 1908 that the principle of annihilation was the measure to be invoked. So the State absolved itself from any partnership with this iniquitous traffic. Not one cent of blood money has gone into the treasury of Mississippi since December 31, 1908, at midnight. Every conceivable economic consideration, justified that step, as we have seen in the light of subsequent developments.

The main point of our present anti-liquor laws is that only one quart of liquor can be received or possessed within any period of fifteen days, and the substance of our anti-liquor advertising law is absolute prohibition of liquor advertising in any place or in any manner whatever in the State.

It is entirely safe to say that during the eight years of no license, the sale and consumption of liquors in our State have been reduced ninety per cent, and that crime has been reduced fifty-five per cent. This statement is predicated upon voluntary statements of all classes of State and county officials, from the Governor down to constable. Space will not permit us to quote from the judges, from the Supreme bench down,

sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys, and magistrates, but we take the liberty of making an excerpt from Governor Bilbo's message to the legislature of 1916: "Our State-wide prohibition law is as well or better enforced than our Sunday, gambling, concealed weapons and blasphemy and some other statutes. Its effect is beneficial and it meets the approval of a vast majority of our citizenship."

Statements like the above could be here multiplied *ad infinitum*; but so patent is it to the mind of every Mississippian and so satisfactory is it to Mississippians generally, that it would be superfluous to give at any length testimonials as to the satisfactory results of State-wide prohibition. Its effects are very perceptible in every line or branch of human activity. This is so eminently and generally true that scarcely any person who is in any sense patriotic would be willing to return to the saloon regime. So far as we can learn, no city or town in the State has deteriorated in any way, and those could be named by the dozens which have improved more than fifty per cent in business, education, morals and religion. Prosperity, happiness and general satisfaction with present conditions are to be noted in all places in our State. The statement seems a little hard, but facts in the situation compel the assertion that none but whiskey sellers, whiskey drinkers and moral degenerates can be found who decry present conditions relative to our management of the liquor problem.

The most ardent prohibitionists in the State are well satisfied with the progress the prohibition cause has made, but are determined never to return the sword to its scabbard until they shall see an absolutely dry Mississippi and America.

We see from the paper published by the Good Samaritan Hospital (formerly Baptist Memorial), of Memphis, that an effort was made and still is pending to either combine with the Methodists, or turn the hospital over to them or induce them to give up their project of having a hospital in Memphis. We do not believe this proposed scheme will be carried out. Our people have refrained from saying anything hitherto about the recent action of the trustees, but we feel the time has come for the people who own the hospital to express their wishes. We have had great confidence in our Mississippi representatives on the board and shall certainly expect them to fully reflect the wishes of those who appointed them. The information at hand came too late for discussion in this week's paper. We notice protests in the Baptist and Reflector, of Tennessee, and a most vigorous protest in the Western Recorder of last week.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry is now at home with one of his sons who is quite sick with pneumonia. He has the sympathy and prayers of many friends, and all ought to help finish the raising of the \$30,000 for education which he has so well begun.

Dr. J. T. Christian is preaching in his own meeting at Hattiesburg, having Evangelist Singer Sam Rayborn to lead the music.



## THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN—FIVE GREAT WORDS

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### THE BELIEVING IN JESUS; OR THE CHANNEL OF THE DIVINE FAVOR.

#### II.

The word "witness" occurs seventy-six times in the gospel of John. There are two Greek words translated "to know" which occur 131 times. The word *oida*, "to know," seventy-one times, and *gignosko*, "to know thoroughly," fifty-two times. The word "witness," *martureo*, means according to Thayer, "to be a witness, to bear witness, to testify, i. e., to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something. Sometimes in the New Testament the apostles are said to be those who have seen eye witnesses and ear witnesses of the extraordinary sayings, deeds and sufferings of Jesus, which prove his Messiahship." The witnesses mentioned by John were competent since they told what they knew; they were the Father, Jesus, John the Baptist, the apostles, and others. The entire book of John is developed on the lines of human testimony.

The testimony of these witnesses will stand the most searching legal tests.

1. A witness is one who has the ability to understand the facts. A witness must be competent to give testimony. "A witness is incompetent if in the opinion of the judge he is prevented by extreme youth, disease affecting his mind, or any other cause of the same kind, from recollecting the matter on which he is to testify, from understanding the questions put to him, from giving rational answers to those questions, or from knowing that he ought to speak the truth" (May, *A Digest of the Laws of Evidence*, 158. Boston, 1886). Every one of the witnesses were from this standpoint competent to testify to the work of Jesus.

2. A witness should possess character to give weight to his evidence. "The doctrine that character may be impeached by proof of general immorality is also well maintained" (Gillett, *Indirect and Collateral Evidence*, 143. Indianapolis, 1897). The following is the decision of one of the higher courts: "That one of vicious character 'may still preserve the priceless virtue of truth, though every other virtue is gone,' is not the teaching of human experience. Such a case would be deemed an exception so marked as should require the fact to be affirmatively shown. Among the dissolute and degraded we would not naturally seek or expect to find this best characteristic of manhood. Without proof to the contrary, the jury may fairly assume that from the immoral and criminal character truth has fled with other virtues" (14 Texas, App. 35. S. W. Review, 523).

The character of a man to tell the truth may be material, "and accordingly it is held that evidence may be given to show that it is bad; and, if such testimony is given, counter evidence may be given by the party producing the witness in support of his character" (McKelvey, *Handbook of the*

*Law of Evidence*, 159. St. Paul, 1898).

The witnesses that John introduces are of the best of character, and through the work of Jesus Christ the worst of characters are reformed and turned into the best of men. Witness the character of the sinful woman of Samaria when the dissolute woman became one of virtue and piety. The testimony of these witnesses has never been impeached on the subject of character and veracity.

3. A witness is one who has knowledge of the facts in the case. The law requires: "To render the communication of facts perfect, the witnesses must be both able and willing to speak or write the truth. It is necessary that they should possess, in the first place, the means and opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the facts. \* \* \* A witness who states facts ought to state those only of which he has present knowledge, and such knowledge is supposed, if not expressly stated, upon the examination in chief; and upon cross examination his means of knowledge may be fully investigated, and if he has not sufficient and adequate means of knowledge, his evidence will be struck out" (Starkie, *Evidence*, 79, 127).

The witnesses John introduces can easily stand this test. They certainly had knowledge of the facts and most of them attested the facts with their lives.

4. A good witness is one who relates the facts in such a manner that they will be believed by the common man. Starkie says of this point: "In arriving at this conclusion, a consideration of the demeanor of the witness upon the trial, and the manner of giving his evidence, both in chief and upon cross examination, is oftentimes not less material than the testimony itself. An over forward and hasty zeal on part of the witness in giving testimony which will benefit the party whose witness he is, his exaggeration of circumstances, his reluctance in giving adverse evidence, his slowness in answering, his evasive replies, his affectation of not hearing or not understanding the question, for the purpose of gaining time to consider the effect of his answer; precipitancy in answering, without waiting to hear or understand the nature of the question; his inability to detail any circumstance wherein, if his testimony were untrue, it would be open to contradiction, or his forwardness in minutely detailing those where he knows contradiction to be impossible and affectation of indifference; are all to a greater or less extent obvious marks of insincerity" (Starkie, *Evidence*, I. 546).

No more straightforward testimony was ever given than by the witnesses introduced to speak in the gospel of John. They come directly to the point and keep back nothing even when it incriminates themselves.

5. A witness may be corroborated by others. In cases of treason it requires at least two witnesses to convict (Art. III, Constitution of the United States), and in giving testimony in perjury cases more than one witness must be introduced. John introduces an abundance of witnesses. On every material fact there is a corroboration of witnesses.

6. A witness must tell the truth. Consequently the witness is sworn with the fol-

lowing oath: "I solemnly promise and do declare that the evidence given by me in court shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." These witnesses all have the marked characteristics of telling the truth. No one has ever successfully attacked their veracity.

For illustration we will examine the testimony of a few of the witnesses who gave testimony to Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. The Baptist was a great prophet, and his testimony had much weight with the people. He testified on two occasions. "And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And when they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet. John answered them saying, I baptize with water; but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; he it is, who cometh after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose" (1:19-27). A little later John the Baptist bore record and said of Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (v. 29).

The make-up union movement has been well tried in England, with the result that all the non-Catholic, non-Conformist bodies, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, have steadily lost out, not for one year, but year after year for a distressing number of years. The Southern Baptist Convention has happily defined its policies by a vote-unanimous and pronounced in tone, the substance of which is that the Baptists will, at home and around the world, follow the divine program with a holy regard for the authority and Word of Jesus. We will go with others no further than they go with the Word. If there are missionaries paid by our money who are fearful and unbelieving, their course is plain; they should improve their faith and courage or resign. There is, in this, more than a question of a sound policy. There is a question of sound morals, for it is a breach of ethics for any man to receive pay to betray the principles of those who trust and pay him. And, finally, if the unionizing policies should prevail over the heathen world, as is planned—if this should happen and a dozen Christians in the heart of China or Africa were to study the Scriptures and come to a knowledge of the full truth, it would be their duty to separate themselves, protest the errors of all the rest, as our Baptist fathers did, and walk apart from all the rest by walking in the truth—J. B. Gambrell, in *Baptist Standard*.



## Department of the Convention Board

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Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention, March 13, 14, 15.

February and March are to be great educational months. Four schools of theology and methods will be held—one at Newton, one at Tupelo, one at McComb City, and one for the colored preachers at Jackson College, Jackson, Miss. In addition to this there will be a B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Institute at Laurel, and the State Sunday School Convention at Pontotoc, March 13, 14 and 15.

The date of the school of methods and theology at Newton is February 11-16. Dr. R. A. Venable will teach the Bible. There will be given one hour each morning and one hour each evening to this work. Either Byrd or Holcomb will be in charge of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. Miss Lackey will instruct the women in the work of the W. M. U. R. B. Gunter will have charge of the department of homiletics. And each night there will be inspirational address delivered by brethren selected for that purpose. There will not be a dull hour during the whole week. We earnestly hope every preacher, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. worker in the Newton territory will attend this meeting. There will be no matriculation fees; no charges whatever. The Newton church will entertain the visitors. Come and bring some one with you.

The other two schools—Tupelo and McComb City—will be held on the following dates: Tupelo, February 25 to March 4; McComb City, March 4-11. At Tupelo, Dr. John T. Christian will teach the Bible; Dr. E. L. Wesson will teach homiletics; Byrd will have charge of the Sunday School work, Miss Lackey the W. M. U. work, and the corresponding secretary will have charge of missions and church efficiency. We are expecting a great time. If any pastor misses it he will be the loser. There is not a pastor in that territory who ought not to get preaching material that will enliven, vitalize, invigorate, energize and prime his sermons for a whole year. Brother Cloar, a new man in our State, but one of the liveliest wires in it, wants you to come. He and his people are going to see how good they can be in the entertainment. There will be no expense for the school—everything is free. You only have to pay your railroad fare. Let us roll up an attendance that will really be commensurate with the big-hearted entertainment Cloar and his people are offering.

The school at McComb City comes in March 4-11. Dr. P. L. Lipsey will have charge of the Bible; Dr. W. H. Morgan will teach homiletics; Byrd or Holcomb will have charge of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work; Miss Lackey will have charge of the W. M. U. work, and the corresponding

secretary will have charge of missions and church efficiency. The same conditions maintain at this school as at the others. Everything is free. The church entertains us, and there is no tuition or fees of any kind. Brother Whitfield is anxious to have us. His people are longing to have a great crowd, and they are going to be disappointed if they do not have a crowd. Let every Baptist in that territory go.

You know there is a sort of holy rivalry between these schools as to which will have the biggest attendance and the best program. Cloar says he is going to have the best one in the lot. Robinson is saying that he is going to have the best. I have not heard from Whitfield, but I know that he never takes a back seat, and so I know that he is planning for the biggest and the best. Let us all go and make all three of them great beyond measure.

### The Budget Outlook.

The outlook for the budget is great. Our budget man, Brother Tull, will begin his work the 20th of this month. His first work will be either at the Tupelo school or at the McComb City school. Cloar says that he must have him, and whatever Cloar sets his head to get, he generally gets, so I suspect Tull will be at the Tupelo school. He will also be at the McComb City school. At these places he will go over the budget system outlining some of the main features and pointing out its advantages. He will also tell how to proceed in putting it on, point out some of the dangers, and set up some mile boards to mark the way of safety. Brother Tull "has the goods" on this system and if the brethren will but listen to him he will show them the way to systematize their work.

Many churches have already responded to the appeal made and have put on the budget. I am writing this at the first of the month, and already we have begun to receive checks marked, "Enclosed \$..... for the budget." The bookkeeper takes these amounts and divides them according to the basis fixed by the convention. I am confidently expecting to see the time when practically every church in the State will be on the budget system, and will be remitting to us monthly for all the objects. It's coming, let us all hasten its coming by getting in line with the movement.

### The Country Churches and the Budget.

Sometime ago we announced that we would furnish envelopes to every country church putting on the budget if the church would send us a statement showing that the church had in conference approved the budget system and had decided to put it on, and in addition to this would take an every-member canvass and turn in to us the totals of that canvass showing how many members they have, how many members were seen,

how many subscribed, how many refused to subscribe and so on. The reason we want this information is that we may by having the facts assist the church and the pastor in making the budget a success. We have heard from several churches, but so far none of the churches have given the information asked for. Will the country churches interested in this matter take this up at once and make the every-member canvass and give us the information so that we can send the envelopes?

I believe that this is practical in the country and I am anxious to try it. Let every wide-awake pastor of country churches get busy and take this matter up with his churches right away. We ought to have at least one hundred country churches going on the budget this year.

### The Educational Campaign.

I got a letter this morning from a good brother who said, "Enclosed find a check for ten dollars. I saw your appeal for Clarke College in The Baptist Record and I am sending you this amount. I wish it were ten times as large." So do we, but we are just as thankful as if it were ten times as large. It shows that our brother is interested in our educational work, and above everything else what we need now is Baptist people interested in Baptist education.

Brother Baptist, you ought to do what this brother did—send us a check for this work—not a check for what you have subscribed, simply; send that, of course, but for something you have not subscribed. In all the State we have taken subscriptions from only 4,500 Baptists. There are over 160,000 Baptists. Where are the 155,500?

The campaign is coming on nicely. Up to date we are able to report about \$10,000 in cash and subscriptions. We are going to get the \$30,000 by the first of May, but we want you in this good thing. Brother Quisenberry is just now called out of the field by the sickness of one of his children. I have just been talking to him over the 'phone and he says, "The doctor can't tell just yet; it is a very bad case of pneumonia." Let us send up a prayer for him and the boy. But this means that we must get busy to make up for this loss of Brother Quisenberry from the field during the illness of his child.

We are going to ask every pastor in the State to bring the matter before his church and take a cash collection. The day has not been decided upon yet, but it will be. Just as soon as we have decided the best time to press the matter so as not to hurt other interests we will announce the day and when we do announce the day we want every pastor in the State to take hold of the matter and make it a great day for education. In the meantime let every one who has made a subscription meet that subscription. This is important.

Rufus Wilson Holder, son of a Baptist pastor in Baltimore, though only twelve years old and in the eighth grade of the public school, has been preaching with good results in his father's church. It will be difficult to keep him from being "spoiled;" even some of the old preachers suffer that malady.



### Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Page

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All societies are urged to send quarterly reports to Miss M. M. Lackey, Jackson, Miss.

All funds should be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Jackson, Miss., except the Literature Fund, which should be sent to Miss M. M. Lackey.

#### To Associational Superintendents.

Many societies are calling for report blanks. Please send them to your societies, when you send out the minutes, and other literature. If you have not enough blanks, kindly let us know.

Our first quarter has closed, and we are sending to Mrs. Lowndes the report today. Note on this page how we stand on home and foreign missions, and the Training School. And remember we have only one more quarter before the Southern Baptist Convention meets—and we are far from reaching the goal as yet. "Steadfastly in prayer and ministry" from now on till May will do much for us, however.

Be sure and read the communication from Meridian regarding the piano we are donating to the Good Will Center. Miss Nell Bullock feels that during the Christmas holidays this piano in the home resulted in the salvation of numbers who, bent on "having a good time," intended spending their idle hours in places of evil resort, but attended the musicals given each evening instead. Sisters, if you have not yet sent a donation for this good cause, please do so at once. Remember the fund must all be in hand by March first.

The literature for the March Week of Prayer will reach each society shortly. We are counting on you, sisters, to observe this week. Among the good things sent in the package is some concerning the Training School. It is attractive, helpful and instructive. Be sure and see that your society makes use of it during the special days set apart by Royal Service for the "Valentine Campaign." See February issue of Royal Service.

#### Note These Figures!

The third Southern Baptist Convention quarter has just ended. All reports are not in, to be sure; for many societies do not send until near the end of the first month on the coming quarter. But from those that are in we are compelled to make our report for Mrs. Lowndes. We now stand as follows:

Foreign missions	\$3,282.10
Apportionment	10,000.00
Needed	6,717.90
Home missions	777.93
Apportionment	7,500.00
Needed	6,722.07

Training School Enl.	1,126.58
Apportionment	2,500.00
Needed	1,373.42
Training School scholarship (met)	200.00
Training School exp. fund (met)	150.00
Bible fund (met)	100.00
Margaret fund (met)	50.00

This shows that before May first we need to have \$14,813.39.

Of this amount I feel sure that much of the foreign mission fund is already collected, but has not been reported, and much of it has not yet been sent in.

As this present quarter is devoted to home missions I am convinced that we will not fail to meet our apportionment.

Just here I would lovingly urge the sisters to stress the Dollar Club for the Training School fund. Mississippi does not want to fall behind with her part in this good work. See Royal Service for February, and carry out the Valentine program suggested therein.

M. M. LACKEY.

#### To Our Mississippi Sisters Who Helped to Place the Piano in the Good Will Center, Meridian.

Dear Friends:

At Christmas time there came to the Good Will Center a beautiful surprise, in the form of a lovely piano—so welcome, and so much needed there. The women of the Baptist City Union, Meridian, were planning for a piano, as their next purchase for the Good Will Center, but with running expenses and other necessities on their hands, it was still a dream of the future.

Imagine, then, their delight when the piano was placed there by the good sisters from various parts of the State, the movement being led and directed by Mrs. Kent, of Forest, our State leader in personal service.

We wish to assure all who had a part in this noble work of our deep appreciation of the gift, which is being used in daily work for the Master. It is used every day in boys' and girls' club work, women's meetings at the night school and in fact in every activity of the Good Will Center. Soon there will be competent teachers, to give music lessons to those who would never otherwise have the opportunity.

Some of the little folks are starved for a bit of music. They do not recognize the simplest, best known tunes. What a work may be done in teaching these little ones the songs of the kingdom! So from each member of the Baptist Women's Union, and from our city missionary, Miss Nell Bullock, are sent thanks for the piano—but best of all, the unconscious thanks from each tired mother and each little child, who in years to come may feel the uplift from this gracious gift.

Baptist Women's Union of Meridian.

By Mrs Lawrence McRaven, Secretary.

#### OUR CONVENTION CITY.

Fifteen years ago last May the Southern Baptist Convention met in New Orleans. Again we are planning for the great gathering of our people. Many changes have taken place since 1901. At that time there were just four churches of our denomination

in the city—Coliseum, First, St. Charles avenue and Valence—and only one that received no assistance from the Home Board.

The First church held services in an old theatre on Magazine street. In 1908 their house of worship was built on St. Charles avenue, and as has been already stated by Miss Mallory in her report for November, it is there the W. M. U. sermon will be preached Sunday morning of the convention.

In 1905 Grace church, down in the French district, was organized, and somewhat later Central began its career as a church. The latter had for several years been a mission. It is located on Jefferson Davis parkway, just a short block from Canal street.

Two of our churches are now entirely self-supporting. In fact, they have established mission Sunday Schools. The total white membership in our denomination is about fourteen hundred.

A serious problem is the failure of numbers of Baptists moving into our midst to identify themselves with any of our churches. It has been estimated that there are three thousand. Another thing which is very discouraging is the short residence of some who do join our forces and show their willingness and ability to work. If all who move here would stay, our growth would be far more noticeable than it is.

Soon after the Louisiana Convention of 1915, the State Board sent two missionaries to New Orleans. While located in the city, they have gone out into the towns, establishing missions wherever practicable. At the close of November, 1916, our women had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Mallory. A meeting was held at the First church in the interests of the annual meeting next spring. Miss Mallory gave in detail the duties of the various committees. An organization was effected for the purpose of electing general chairman, secretary and chairman of the finance committee. The appointment of sub-committees was left in the hands of the general chairman.

Mrs. R. L. Baker, 1314 Pleasant street, has been chosen chairman of the press committee.

The Grunewald Hotel, which will be convention and union headquarters; the Athenaeum, where the convention will meet; the First Methodist church the meeting place of the Union; the First Baptist church and St. Charles avenue church, where the field secretaries' council will be held, are all on the St. Charles and Tulane Belt-Line.

We are hoping and praying for a meeting of which our Father will approve, and upon which His benediction will rest.

MRS. T. R. FOLEY,

General Ch'm of Women's Committee.

Revs. Bryan Simmons and J. L. Robinson announce that the Bible school to be held at Newton begins February 11th and continues through the 16th. They are preparing to take care of all who come and are hoping there will be many of them.

Rev. H. R. Holcomb, one of the Home Board evangelists, is assisting Pastor L. B. Spencer in a meeting at Griffith Memorial church, Jackson. The weather has been exceedingly trying, but they are pluckily pressing forward with good courage and prospects of a good meeting.



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This great day followed upon a week of special services of enlistment in which Brother T. L. Holcomb rendered two exquisite addresses; Brother W. H. Morgan, one address, statesmanlike and of biggest calibre, and Brother J. Benj. Lawrence, two masterful and wise discourses.

Simultaneously, a training school on B. Y. P. U. culture courses was conducted by Secretary W. E. Holcomb and F. H. Leavell, of Georgia.

On the Sunday preceding, four deacons were ordained. They are all known as very unusual and useful laymen—Dr. J. E. Hargis, A. J. Wilds, Dr. Christopher Longest and L. P. Leavell.

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One sad thing is that so many boys will go back home in a much worse state morally than they were when they left home; while some parts of the training is fine, especially boys are taught strict obedience here, who were never taught it at home.

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M. L. DELK.

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### STRAY SHOTS.

A man stored some apples away in his cellar. One day he found a rotten apple among them. He said, "I am not going to take the trouble to throw out the rotten ones. They will keep on rotting, anyway, so what's the use? I'll just let the whole business rot." Some people call that man a pessimist—and they are right.

Another man stored some apples away in his cellar. One day he found a rotten one among his apples. He said, "I am not going to see the rotten ones. I am going to look only for the good ones." Some people call that man an optimist. They are mistaken; he is just plain foolish.

Another man stored some apples in his cellar. He went each day and looked diligently for rotten apples. Not that he gloried in the rotten ones, but the rather, rejoiced in the good ones he was saving from contamination with the bad. Some people call that man a pessimist. They are wrong; he is an optimist through and through.

MISS ELLA SUMRALL.

### DEDICATION OF PHEBA CHURCH.

The people of Pheba, having completed their new Baptist church at a cost of about \$2,000, have a right to be proud of their efforts, for the Lord has surely blessed them. The church is built on the bungalow style, and is now seated with nice benches and a beautiful pulpit set. Recently it was dedicated to the Lord by Brother E. B. Miller, our pastor, assisted by his very efficient choir. Brother Miller's dedication sermon was a very able one and will long be remembered by the people of Pheba. He has again been called as our pastor to lead us another year. When Brother Miller came to us we were without a building, and the people being financially embarrassed, it appeared as impossible to build one at that time, but with Brother Miller with his untiring faith and energy to lead us, great things have been accomplished, and our people are now thoroughly united. We hope to

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## Sunday School Lesson Notes

BY M. O. PATTERSON, D. D.

Lesson for February 18.

### JESUS HEALS A NOBLEMAN'S SON.

John 4:43-54.

Golden Text—"As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee" (Matt. 8:13).

Getting the Connection.—Our last lesson left Jesus in Samaria where many Samaritans believed on Him as a result of His two days' mission. Having stayed two days in Samaria, Jesus continued His journey into Galilee, where He began His great Galilean ministry which covered a period of some eighteen months. The heading of the nobleman's son is the first sign John records after Jesus begins this period of His ministry.

#### I. The Hearty Reception in Galilee (John 4:43-45).

The popularity of Jesus in Judea had been very marked (John 3:26). But the jealousy and opposition of the Pharisees had been generated. So Jesus goes into Galilee, His time not having come to bring things to an issue with the leaders. He will go where there are greater possibilities. Galilee is the place. Josephus tells us that there were 240 cities in Galilee in the time of Christ. He will go where there is a more congenial atmosphere for His manifestation through His works and teaching. Galilee is the place.

But the positive reason given by Jesus for going into Galilee is found in verse 44—because "a prophet hath no honor in his own country." The force of this statement isn't clear. Various explanations have been offered. The truth of this proverb is quite clear. It is said that people are slow to believe great things of one raised in their midst; also the distinction of our acquaintances provokes our envy. But why does Christ assign this as a reason for going into Galilee? The best explanation is offered by Gadet, which I quote: "Galilee is 'His own country,' and He would have met with a poor reception had He begun there, 'for a prophet,' etc. He began instead in Judea, and now, coming back to Galilee with the prestige of that Judean ministry behind Him, He is enthusiastically welcomed by the Galileans." This explanation seems the correct one. Any way the barriers had been broken down and the atmosphere prepared for that open-hearted Galilean welcome, by the signs Jesus had done in Jerusalem at the feast (v. 45).

#### H. The Healing "Sign" (vs. 46-54).

Jesus was at Cana, when the miracle was performed. Here His first "sign" (the water-into-wine sign) was performed almost a year before. The contrast in the two signs is striking. The gospel writer purposely sets them in contrast. The first is thrown upon a background of gladness and wedded joy; the second is thrown upon a background of sickness and sorrow. Two extremes of human experience are brought to-

gether. The first was entirely voluntary on the part of Jesus. No one expected it; the second was the response of Jesus to the "piteous pleading of parental anxiety." The first was in the presence of Jesus; the second was wrought some twenty miles distant from Him.

The fundamental peculiarity of this second miracle, however, and its chief interest gather about its use in the development of an imperfect sensuous faith in Jesus as a sign-worker, to a saving faith in Jesus as the Messiah-Savior. Let us center on this thought until the truth lives in our own experiences.

1. The nobleman believed in the signs of Jesus (vs. 46-49). The report of the first miracle at Cana had evidently reached the ear of this royal officer at Capernaum. Many of the Galileans had attended the Jerusalem feast where Jesus did some signs and the report of Him as a wonder-worker reached many Galilean homes. It reached that of the nobleman. He believed on Jesus as a miracle-worker. He evidenced such belief when the occasion arose. His son being at the point of death, he went immediately for Jesus on hearing He had come into Galilee. The character of his faith is disclosed in Jesus' statement, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." Here is a fine sensuous faith—that growing out of "seeing signs." Jesus did not feel complimented by such recognition from the royal officer. You and I would have been proud of such deference shown to us. But Jesus isn't posing as a sign-worker. To regard Him as such and nothing more is to betray a low conception of His Person. He desires men to see the beauty of His character as the Christ, the Son of God and to exercise faith in Him as such. He will do "signs," not to produce faith in the works, but primarily to reveal Himself, and secondarily, to teach divine truth and to meet human need. Jesus will heal the sick boy but in such fashion as will develop the sensuous imperfect faith of the father into that kind of faith which discovers His true character. This faith in the "sign-worker" is a good stepping stone to something better and higher.

2. Faith in the word of Jesus. A long step has been taken in the development of the nobleman's faith when he believes the bare word of Jesus. The element of earnestness in this imperfect faith furnishes Jesus an opportunity to put it to the test and through the test, to inspire a higher form of faith. Jesus seems at first to cast a dash of cold water upon sensuous, though earnest faith. However discouraging Jesus' words may have seemed—"Except ye see wonders \* \* \* there is the hold on quality in this imperfect faith, which defies discouragement. He has come for Jesus and go He must and go now before "my child die." Imperfect faith is ready for the test, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." Put yourself in this man's place and an-

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swer, What would you have done? That depends. Very hard to act upon the bare word of Jesus, believing his son to be healed at that hour, twenty miles away. What manner of man is this whose word goes forth and "sickness unto death is chased away? The nobleman's faith stands the test and acts upon the spoken word of Jesus, "He believed the word that Jesus spake unto him and went his way." On his way home the message of his servants confirmed this new faith which does not seek signs, but acts upon the spoken word of Jesus. In the exercise of his imperfect faith it has grown exceedingly. It has, in some measure, discovered the true character of Jesus as the Son of God.

3. Faith in the Person of Jesus.—"Himself believed, and his whole house." It looks good to see the fevered brow cooled and physical death robbed of its victim; but it is far better, yes, a million times better, to see the fetters of spiritual death broken by the master stroke of the Son of God. A whole family are rejoicing by faith in Jesus, not merely as One who can do signs, but as the Messiah.

### Teaching Nuggets.

1. Faith is the faculty of the soul which beholds Jesus Christ in His true character. Self-interest may admire Him as a sign-worker; intellectual culture may discern in Him the great Teacher and even discover knowingly about His divine-human nature; but only faith can cry with experimental joy, "My Lord and my God."

2. Faith is the law of spiritual growth. The right kind of food is essential to soul-growth. Faith is the hand that takes soul food from the table of God's bounty. Growth in grace doesn't come any other way.

3. Faith itself grows by exercise. I well remember the prayers of a good man. It was, "Lord, give us more faith." So far as I could tell, the Lord never gave him any stronger faith. Why? He failed to exercise what he had. If you want to have a bigger muscle, exercise it. If you want to have a bigger brain or soul exercise them. If you want more faith, exercise what you have.

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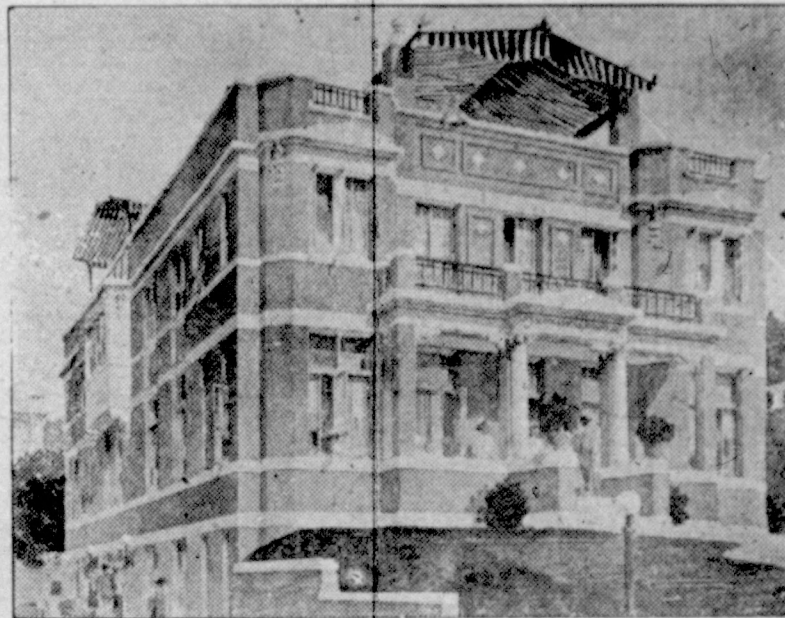
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The Tabernacle church, Atlanta, the \$25,000 indebtedness on their Ga., Dr. Broughton's old church, is building. They will then call a making a strenuous effort to raise strong pastor and move forward.



### "UNCLE SAM AND THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH—TROY."

By Thomas H. Sprague, D. D.

Baptists have been closely identified with all that has made for the enrichment of Uncle Sam, but I wonder how many among us are acquainted with the fact that "Uncle Sam" was for some years closely connected with the interests of at least one Baptist church—the First church of Troy, New York.

To know just how the appellation of "Uncle Sam" came to be given to our nation, we must go back to the War of 1812. Living in Troy at that period were two brothers, Ebenezer and Samuel Wilson. Ebenezer was born in West Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 18, 1763, and Samuel on September 13, 1768. Later, their father removed to Troy, and the two boys became quite active in the community.

Samuel was quite generally known by his fellow villagers as "Uncle Sam." In fact, one day, when his youngest son had wandered from home, and was lost, his cries attracted the attention of a man who asked him who he was. The boy replied that he was "Uncle Sam's" boy. By this reference to his father he was returned home safely.

In 1805, the following advertisement appeared in one of Troy's papers:

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"E. & S. WILSON.

"Troy, September 17, 1805."

In 1812 a contractor, Elbert Anderson, advertised in several newspapers for proposals for pork and beef to be delivered at Troy and

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elsewhere, the same to be examined by inspectors selected by himself. From what follows, it would seem that probably the Wilsons received contracts from Anderson to furnish beef to the government troops stationed at Greenbush.

At this time Samuel Wilson was appointed an inspector of beef for the army, and as one of the narratives records he marked the barrels passing his inspection with the initials "U. S.," meaning United States. Among the troopers at Greenbush were a number of men from Troy who knew Wilson, and also knew that he was familiarly called "Uncle Sam." When the beef came to their camp marked "U. S.," and knowing that Wilson had shipped it, they referred to it as Uncle Sam's beef. The other soldiers, without investigation, accepted the letters on the barrels as standing for Uncle Sam, and in the course of time the appellation came to be applied generally to the government and the designation of the United States as Uncle Sam came to be as well known as John Bull.

John F. Watson, in his "Annals and Occurrences of New York State," published in 1846, says:

"Uncle Sam is another appellation applied to us by ourselves and which, as it is growing into popular use and was first used at Troy, New York, it may be interesting to explain to wit: The name grew out of the letters 'E. A. U. S.' marked upon the army provisions barrelled up at Troy during the last war with England under the contract of Elbert Anderson, and implied his name, and 'U. S.' the United States. The inspector of these provisions was Samuel Wilson, who was usually called by the people 'Uncle Sam.' It so happened that one of the workmen, being asked the meaning of the initials on the casks, waggishly replied they meant Elbert Anderson and Uncle Sam—Wilson. The joke took. Afterward, when some of the same men were on the frontier and saw the same kind of provisions arriving to their use, they would jocosely say, 'Here comes Uncle Sam.' From these it came to pass that wherever they saw the initials 'U. S.' on any class of stores they were equally called Uncle Sam's, and finally it came by an easy transition to be applied to the United States itself."

Samuel Wilson died July 31, 1854. A notice appearing in one of the Troy papers said in part, "During the War of 1812, he supplied the army very generally especially at the North from his extensive yards. His tact for managing laborers was very peculiar. He would always say, 'Come, boys,' instead of 'go,' and thereby secured a greater amount of labor than ordinary men. His suc-

cess in business he mainly attributed to strict system in his plans, and the constant habit of early rising, and to this habit he undoubtedly owed his uniform good health and his useful life. In his political creed he was strictly Republican, and was warmly attached to the Democratic party, and in the election of General Jackson to the presidency he took an active part, serving as a standing chairman of the party, both at the first and second elections. In his religious creed he was tolerant to all. He was united to no church, but at the age of three-score years, his mind became deeply imbued with religion, and feeling his responsibility to his Maker he solemnly dedicated himself to God."

This record also states that at this age he united with the Presbyterian church, of Troy. Of this we are not certain. We do know, however, that for some time in his earlier life he was identified with the work of the First church.

In the early records of the church for January 2, 1808, we read, "This may certify that this selection has been conducted under our inspection as the law directs and that Jonathan Weeden, Anthony Goodspeed, Daniel Wandel, Samuel Wilson and Amos Saulsbury, are duly elected to officiate as trustees of this church and society. Certified by us as witness our hands this day and year above mentioned. Signed—Isaac Webb and Ebenezer Jones." Under record of January 11, same year, his name appears as a trustee of the second class whose term expires January 9, 1810. The records for February 8, April 11, August 27, December 26, all of the same year, show him present at meetings.

On January 2, 1810, he was elected for a year in the place of Jonathan Weeden. On January 1, 1811, he was again elected trustee for three years. The record for January 10, same year, for May 27, and again January 9, 1812, also show him present at meetings of the board.

On December 20, 1813, he was again elected trustee for a period of three years dating from January 9, 1814, and his presence is indicated at a meeting held May 30, 1816. His term as trustee expired January 9, 1817, and it seems from the record for January 8, 1817, that he was not re-elected as a member of the body.

While we are ignorant of the real measure of his activity, and influence in our church, it is at least an interesting fact that for these nine years he served as a trustee of the First Baptist church of Troy, and that, therefore, we can claim a very real relationship through the bonds of church work to the real "Uncle Sam."—Watchman-Examiner.

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## NEWS IN THE CIRCLE

MARTIN BALL

Rev. John S. Harris, Norfolk, Neb., has resigned and will return to his old home at Townville, S. C. He is open for a call.

The church at Tulsa has called Rev. T. W. Scott, Cushing, Okla., and the Cushing church has called Rev. C. W. Brewer, of Tulsa. Even swap!

We trust that Rev. J. F. Tull, of Monticello, Ark., will see his way clear to accept the call of the church at Drew. He is one of our most efficient men.

Dr. C. E. Burts, First church, Columbia, S. C., has the assistance of Dr. H. A. Porter, of the Second church, Atlanta, Ga., in a series of evangelistic meetings.

Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, is aiding Pastor W. M. Craig in evangelistic meetings in Kingston, N. C. Dr. Wharton is a great preacher and successful evangelist.

W. C. Boone, who has been serving as assistant to his father, Dr. A. U. Boone, of Memphis, has resigned and accepted the pastorate of the church at Mariana, Ark. He is already on his new field.

During a short campaign in Louisville, Ky., to raise \$30,000 for building the home for the Woman's Training School, \$27,000 was raised in a short while. There will be little difficulty in obtaining the whole amount.

Dr. Geo. E. Burlingame held a farewell service with the First church, San Francisco, January 9th. He has served them as pastor for eleven years. But his health has failed, and he proposes to rest, travel and study for a while.

Pastor Geo. W. Riley, of Plano, Texas, has entered into the labors on that field with flattering prospects. The work is well organized and Brother Riley knows how to lead the forces. The church is building a nice new parsonage.

Dr. Len. G. Broughton, of Knoxville, Tenn., has promised to aid in revival work at La Grange, Ga., during the month of April. All denominations have invited him. Guess he will not give them much Baptist doctrine.

The Winchester church, (Ky.) recently made a handsome increase in the salary of Pastor R. L. Motley, and he is happy. Mississippi churches are not following their example very generally. However, we manage to live.

The freewill offerings to Billy Sunday on the last day of the Boston meeting amounted to \$50,828. This is about \$300 less than was given at the Philadelphia meeting. But maybe he can exist on that. It is said there were 63,484 "trail hitters."

Evangelist T. O. Reese has recently conducted a meeting with the Monnish Memorial church, Tusca-

loosa, Ala. The results of the meeting were thirty-six additions, the pastor's salary raised \$20 per month and the church much revived. Rev. L. T. Reeves is the pastor.

The Glen Springs Hotel property, at Glen Springs, Ky., has been purchased, and converted into a college. The institution will be formally dedicated next Sunday. It promises to be one of the best schools in that part of the State. The Bracken Baptist Association authorized the purchase.

The authorities in Coahoma county are giving the blind tigers and importers of liquors considerable trouble just now. We witnessed the pouring into the street gutter a few mornings ago about thirty gallons of liquid damnation. Many smaller supplies had been destroyed. It all must go.

There are several brethren who have expressed their disapproval of the change of name from "Baptist Memorial Hospital" to "The Good Samaritan." Some churches have also passed resolutions condemning the change. We imagine associations and conventions will also be heard from.

February 9, Colonel C. C. Slaughter, of Dallas, Texas, will celebrate his eightieth birthday. It is stated that he has given more money to the Texas Baptist cause than any man who ever lived in Texas. Many Texans will write him a letter telling him how much they love him. He does not need any material thing.

Pastor N. W. P. Bacon, of Marks, has just closed a great meeting. He had Dr. J. W. Porter, of Kentucky, as his aid. Forty were added to the church. Every dollar of indebtedness was paid on the beautiful new church building. This was accomplished by the efforts of the wise, energetic, wide-awake pastor. Things are improving in the Delta.

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The credit for the Sunday School annex and the grading and bringing it up to A-1 standard is due largely to Brethren Roy Chandler and O. P. Estes. Several of the classes are organized. The church finances the B. Y. P. U's. We have elected young men as superintendents and assistants, and shall look for greater things in the Sunday School. We had Brother Edgar Holcomb for a week last year and he is spending this week with us instructing a class in the Sunday School Manual and B. Y. P. U. Manual. Brother Estes is teaching a class studying "The Heart of the Old Testament." Any church is fortunate to have either Brother Holcomb or Brother Byrd to spend a week with them, and the State Mission Board is very fortunate in having these efficient men of God.

W. H. PATTON.

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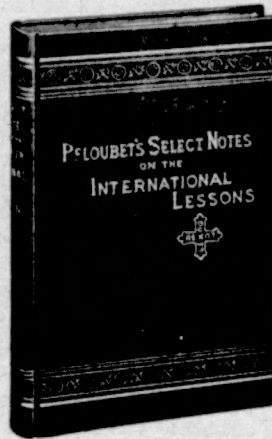
They sang it so often and with so much gusto that the teacher's interest was aroused and she decided to listen instead of helping them. Then she understood their partiality—with rapt faces they were voicing their belief:

"And we'll all smell the hominy  
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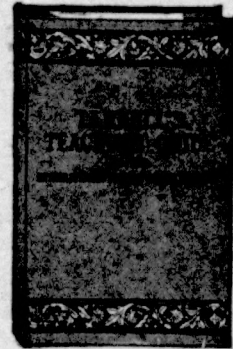
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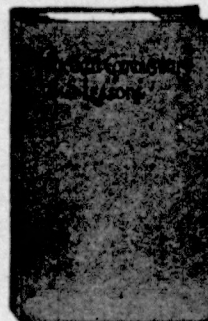


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By D. Y. Bagby, Sec'y Texas Com.

So far there has nothing occurred to dampen the brightest hopes of those interested in the raising of an adequate endowment fund for the aged and otherwise disabled ministers. From the very start, when Texas first passed the resolution to ask the Southern Baptist Convention to start such a fund, everything has worked right along toward the consummation of the object. Oklahoma soon followed Texas in her request for the starting of the endowment, then Virginia did likewise. As the secretary of the Texas commission, this writer has written many prominent men all over the South, asking their opinion of the timeliness of such a move, and with one voice, all have answered in its favor, heartily. But the greatest victory came in for us last week. The Sunday School Board donated the munificent sum of \$100,000 to this fund, provided it went through at New Orleans all right, next May, 1917. That is surely good reading to its friends.

Certainly we have neglected our old ministers long enough, and it is believed that we shall now arise and clear our skirts of this sin of neglect. We have just worn him out, and then turned him out. "Out of harness, out of mind or care," seems to have been the motto upon which we have treated him. Thank God, that is passed, we do certainly hope. Let everybody get ready to give something to this most worthy cause. Remember, when you give it, it will be a permanent fund to be kept always, and the interest will last for the years for the old ministers and their dependent widows and children.

—Lone Oak, Texas.

**LADY TELLS SECRET.**

A well known lady gives the following recipe for gray hair: To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and 1-4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

**BIBLE SCHOOL IN HATTIESBURG.**

A Bible school was held in the First Baptist church building in Hattiesburg, beginning January 22, and closing January 26. It was tolerably well attended. It was entertained by the Baptists of the several churches in the city co-operating. It was a delightful scene to witness the happy unity of those pastors, and their people, and the Christian spirit which dominated their efforts to make their visitors feel a hearty welcome, and in providing for their comfort, and to advance the interest of the school for the glory of God. Hattiesburg Baptists with their excellent pastors will be held in the memory of those who sojourned among them and partook of their kind hospitality. God be gracious unto them and bless them and cause His face to shine upon them henceforth and evermore.

The teachers at whose feet we sat and learned lessons from God's Word were: Pastor J. T. Christian,

of the First church, Hattiesburg, who carried us through the Acts of the apostles; Pastor E. E. Dudley, of the Main street church, Hattiesburg, who instructed us in the matter of preparation of and preaching sermons; Editor P. I. Lipsey, of The Baptist Record gave us an interpretation and exposition of the epistle of James. These pious, able teachers furnished us proof that we do not need to go outside of our own State to get efficient Bible teachers, for we have them here. We sat with open minds and hearts and listened attentively to these teachers, as they gave us light on the meaning of Holy Scripture, with its application to mankind, etc., etc. We learned lessons of great value, which we took to heart and will treasure through life.

There were present also Secretary J. E. Byrd, that "live wire" in Sunday School work, who is known and loved all over the State; Brother W. E. Holcomb, whose principal work is with the B. Y. P. U., a young man of fine promise. Last, but not least, was Secretary T. J. Moore, who as enlistment secretary has the State for his field, a busy, faithful servant of Christ.

Now, listen: Did you ever know of a good work being carried on in the kingdom of God when there were no Christian women present? There were a number of them in attendance upon the Bible school whose meetings were held at the same time, and whose instructor was Miss M. M. Lackey. It is needless to say anything commendatory of this good woman, for her life and character and work form an imperishable monument to her memory. She must be of some kin to the Marys in the gospel. Why, yes, she is their sister. Then far above all and in all was the presence of our Lord Jesus. O, it was good to be there, for He gladdened our hearts with his love, so that brotherly love abounded, a foretaste of heaven's eternal joy.

Such Bible schools ought to be held all over our State. Why not? Let the brotherhood take to their Bibles and study them more than ever before.

"How precious is the Book divine  
By inspiration given  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine  
To guide our souls to heaven."

"This lamp through all the tedious night  
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## REV. T. H. WILSON.

The death of Rev. T. H. Wilson occurred at his home in Bellefontaine, Miss., January 14, 1917. His ministry in the Baptist church covers a period of fifty-four years. His church and community have lost a staunch and loving pastor, his loved ones a kind and devoted father, and the cause of Christ has lost one of its most loyal and self-sacrificing ministers. He lived a godly and upright life and died the death of the righteous. His closing words to his family and friends were, "The joys of heaven are sweet victory—victory."

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She was the mother of six children, three of whom survive her. Her sons show in their life and character the touch of a loving mother's hand. Her funeral was preached in the Baptist church by the writer, and then her remains were taken to the Pleasant Grove cemetery, some two miles from town, and laid to rest to await the resurrection morn.

J. F. MITCHELL, Pastor.

## FLORENCE, MISS.

Jan. 29, 1917.

We arrived at Florence the 9th of January. The following Wednesday night at prayer meeting Bro. R. A. Whitfield made a good talk, full of good suggestions, about the business of our Lord. He then turned the prayer meeting over to the pastor, after which Bro. A. P. Dear conducted the pastor home, the congregation following. Nearly all the homes were represented in the tour and many from the country nearby. Bro. Dear, acting as master of cere-

monies, introduced several of the brethren of both the churches, Baptist and Methodist, all of whom gave us a hearty welcome, to the pastorate, to the town, and to their homes. And to prove their faith by their works, they piled the good and substantial things high, such as satisfied the inner man.

We have already entered heartily and joyfully into work. May God give us the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to do His will in all things.

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